

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1089 - SB 1452**

March 4, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Revises the release eligibility for a person sentenced to either imprisonment for life or imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole for a first-degree murder offense committed when the person was a minor to a minimum sentence of 30 years.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-11-117(a)(1), first degree murder is one class above a Class A felony offense.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-35-501(h), there is no release eligibility for a person committing first degree murder on or after July 1, 1995 until the person has served 60 years less no more than 15 percent reduction credits, and there is no release eligibility for a defendant receiving a sentence of imprisonment for life without possibility of parole for first degree murder.
- The proposed legislation applies to offenses committed on or after July 1, 2021.
- Authorizing individuals convicted of first-degree murder in the outlined circumstances to be sentenced to 30 years for imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole or imprisonment for life may lead to a reduction in incarceration costs sometime after July 1, 2051; however, it is expected the number of convictions will not substantially change as a result of this legislation, and thus, the fiscal impact from reducing the penalty for such crimes is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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